

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-5, and add new claims 6-14 as follows:

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6. (*New*) A material for producing membrane roofing sheets, comprising:  
a textile backing (T);  
a top layer (4) comprising at least one thermoplastic polyolefin resin, covering one side of the textile backing (T) and intimately bonded thereto;  
a thin metal foil located on a side of the textile backing (T) opposite the top layer (4); and

a bitumen layer attached to the thin metal foil;

wherein at least part of a thickness of the textile backing (T) is embedded within the top layer (4).

7. (*New*) The material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bitumen layer is attached to the thin metal foil on a side opposite the textile backing (T).

8. (*New*) The material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top layer (4) comprises an ethylene polymer or copolymer.

9. (*New*) The material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the thin metal foil comprises aluminum.

10. (*New*) The material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top layer (4) is combined with the textile backing (T) by calendering.

11. (*New*) The material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top layer (4) extends over the entire width of the textile backing (T), and a textile tape (5), comprising a nonwoven, is bonded to the top layer (4) along one edge thereof.